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- *USA Today* reports that more than 15,000 people have appealed to the government since February to have their names removed from the terrorist watch list that has delayed their travel at U.S. airports and border crossings, according to the Homeland Security Department. (See items [12](#))
- *Yahoo Tech* reports that from 2004 to 2006, the number of phone viruses doubled every month. The latest and most sophisticated crop is what's called "pranking for profit." This can involve things like redirecting your calls to a different carrier in a different country, or sending MMS messages to everyone in your contact directory, leaving you with enormous extra charges. (See item [31](#))

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Energy Sector

Current Electricity Sector Threat Alert Levels: Physical: ELEVATED, Cyber: ELEVATED

Scale: LOW, GUARDED, ELEVATED, HIGH, SEVERE [Source: ISAC for the Electricity Sector (ES-ISAC) – <http://www.esisac.com>]

1. *November 7, South Florida Sun-Sentinel* – (Florida) **Proposed natural gas terminal dangers are minimal, Coast Guard says.** Proposed natural gas terminals off Broward County, Florida would pose little risk to public safety or the environment, though if a spill did occur, it could cause a horrific fire, according to a preliminary review by the Coast Guard. Suez Energy North America Inc. wants to build twin terminals eight and

10 miles from the coast of Fort Lauderdale to receive deliveries from natural gas tankers arriving from such exporters as Norway and Algeria. Carrying the product cooled to liquid form, the tankers would moor at the underwater terminals, then heat their cargo back to gaseous state and shoot it through a pipeline to provide fuel for South Florida power plants. The proposal has generated concern about the potential for an accident that would threaten marine life or a fire that could endanger nearby residents. There has never been an accident resulting in the breach of the tanks of a liquefied natural gas ship, but the Coast Guard review of the Suez proposal provided this analysis of what would happen if there were a leak. The worst-case scenario, in which both of a ship's tanks were breached, could only result from someone doing it intentionally, the report said. If the gas poured out, it would not pollute the ocean like an oil spill. Rather it would spread out and start to evaporate. If the pooled gas ignited, it would not explode but would burn. The maximum amount released and in flames could cause second-degree burns at 1.6 miles and death at half a mile.

Source: <http://www.sun-sentinel.com/news/local/broward/sfl-flbgas1107sbnov07,0,2342369.story>

2. *November 7, Bloomberg* – (National) **Nymex natural gas falls on growing surplus, moderate weather.** Natural gas in New York declined on an outlook that supplies are adequate for winter heating needs and forecasts of milder weather in most regions. Inventories rose 30 billion cubic feet for the week ending November 2, according to the median estimate of 12 analysts in a Bloomberg survey. The average increase for the same week over the past five years is 17 billion cubic feet. Supplies declined 7 billion cubic feet in the same week a year ago. Stockpiles rose to a record 3.509 trillion cubic feet for the week ended October 26, the Energy Department said.
Source: http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=20601072&sid=aC_ZGjTz0G5g&refer=energy
3. *November 7, Industry Week* – (National) **Chevron to study viability of producing transportation fuels using algae.** Chevron Corp. and the U.S. Department of Energy's National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) announced late last week that they have entered into a collaborative research and development agreement to study and advance technology to produce liquid transportation fuels using algae. Chevron and NREL scientists will collaborate to identify and develop algae strains that can be economically harvested and processed into finished transportation fuels such as jet fuel. Algae are considered a promising potential feedstock for next-generation biofuels because certain species contain high amounts of oil, which could be extracted, processed and refined into transportation fuels using currently available technology.
Source: <http://www.industryweek.com/ReadArticle.aspx?ArticleID=15279>

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Chemical Industry Sector

4. *November 7, The Daily Advertiser* – (Louisiana) **Decontamination finally set in Eunice.** There is finally a plan to clean up a contaminated site in Eunice caused by a

railway accident more than seven years ago; however, it will probably not be implemented until next year. The accident happened in May 2000 when 34 cars jumped the track, resulting in explosions, a fire and a chemical spill. Several hazardous chemicals were documented in the soil at the derailment site, but the main concern has been dichloropropane, which is used to make other chemicals, such as gasoline, insecticides and paper coatings. The area to be treated is the ground beneath the tracks. Tons of dirt that had absorbed hazardous chemicals was hauled away after the wreck, but there is no reason why it has taken seven years to get around to the ground under the tracks. The decontamination plan calls for treating the dirt on site, using a process that encourages microorganisms to break down the contaminants. The plan was submitted by the railway company Union Pacific.

Source:

<http://www.theadvertiser.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20071107/OPINION01/711070317/1014/OPINION>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

5. *November 7, Times Union* – (National) **Nuclear reactor given cyber shape.** Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI) is using the world's seventh most powerful supercomputer on a \$3 million government-funded project to design a more efficient nuclear reactor to make electricity. The head of the project, an engineering physics professor, expects nuclear power to expand in the U.S. under efforts to combat global warming by reducing the number of fossil-fuel-fired power plants. RPI will use its massive computing power to create a working model of a sodium-cooled fast reactor, which is capable of using spent nuclear waste from earlier reactor models, as well as weapons-grade nuclear plutonium.

Source:

<http://www.timesunion.com/AspStories/story.asp?storyID=636883&category=REGION&newsdate=11/7/2007>

6. *November 7, Reuters* – (Michigan) **AEP Mich. Cook 2 reactor exits refuel.** American Electric Power Co Inc's 1,077-megawatt Unit 2 at the Cook nuclear power station in Michigan exited a refueling outage and ramped up to 25 percent power by early Wednesday, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission said in a report. On Tuesday, the unit was operating at 1 percent. The company shut the unit on September 15. The unit is on an 18-month refueling cycle.

Source:

<http://www.reuters.com/article/companyNewsAndPR/idUSN0748698220071107>

7. *November 6, The Chattanooga* – (Tennessee) **TVA, other agencies to conduct nuclear exercise.** The Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) and other federal, state and local agencies will conduct a regularly scheduled emergency preparedness exercise for Watts Bar Nuclear Plant on Wednesday. The exercise will involve about 1,000 TVA and state of Tennessee employees and emergency responders in McMinn, Meigs, Rhea and Roane counties. Residents of these counties may see radiological monitoring teams or

other responders in action as part of the exercise and may hear on-site and off-site sirens sound. Representatives of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) will evaluate responders on the appropriateness of their actions to ensure the health and safety of the public. Utilities operating nuclear power plants are required by the NRC to conduct emergency exercises annually. Every two years, the Department of Homeland Security evaluates the readiness of state and local agencies to protect public health and safety.

Source: http://www.chattanooga.com/articles/article_116513.asp

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report.

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Banking and Finance Sector

8. *November 6, The Washington Post* - (National) **Salesforce.com acknowledges data loss.** Business software provider Salesforce.com acknowledged on Monday that a recent spate of targeted e-mail virus and phishing attacks against its customers resulted from one of its own employees falling for a phishing scam and turning over the keys to the company's customer database. On October 19, Security Fix reported that payroll giant Automatic Data Processing (ADP) and several banks -- including Suntrust -- were among a number of institutions that were victimized by a series of highly-targeted phishing scams that addresses recipients by name and asked them to click on a link, which tried to download password-stealing malicious software. A Suntrust executive alleged that the scammers obtained their list of Suntrust customers via a data compromise at Salesforce.com. Salesforce.com data was also implicated in a pair of targeted malware attacks that appeared to have been sent from the Federal Trade Commission, an attack that installed password-stealing software on PCs of more than 500 victims.

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9. *November 6, The Associated Press* - (Ohio) **Highway Patrol warns of call-forwarding scam.** A spokesman for the State Highway Patrol in Columbus, Ohio says the patrol is alerting consumers after a central Ohio woman got a call from someone claiming to be a state trooper and asking her to dial a number beginning with the "(star) key, then '72'." This is a scam that can hijack the recipient's phone and ring up big bills. A law enforcement official warns that "72" is commonly used by people with call-forwarding. When they dial the code followed by a phone number, all of their calls are transferred through to that number. The victim of the scam is stuck with the bill for any collect or third-party calls forwarded.

Source: http://www.wdtn.com/Global/story.asp?S=7318405&nav=menu590_1

10. *November 6, The Clanton Advertiser* - (Alabama) **DA warns of apparent mail scams.** An apparent mail fraud scam has surfaced in Central Alabama, specifically in the Elmore County area. Merchandise Surveys LTD, claiming to be Canadian-based, has mailed false documents including a cashier's check valued at nearly \$5,000 and instructions for use of this check, reported the office of the district attorney (DA) yesterday. Documentation offered to pay for services and extended a contract for future money making opportunities. Part of the letter included in the offer stated the following: "We are a secret customer employment firm that specializes in the assisting of corporations on how to improve customer service to their clientele; we represent 1,250 firms with more to come, we utilize a method known as mystery shopping to achieve this goal. Congratulations!!! Due to the information we have ascertained, you have been chosen to represent our company as a secret shopper, in addition you fit the criterion of an individual who is prepared to supplement their income by taking advantage of this opportunity. All fees have been waived." After an investigator with the DA's office made contact via the phone number listed on the letter and began to question a company representative, the call was disconnected.
Source: <http://www.clantonadvertiser.com/articles/2007/11/07/news/c-news.txt>

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Transportation Sector

11. *November 7, Newsday*- (New York) **Express security pass venture expands to LaGuardia.** A Manhattan-based company yesterday installed a security device at the main terminal at LaGuardia Airport in New York, which speeds registered passengers through a security check in less than 4 seconds instead of waiting on what are usually lengthy lines. Passengers pay an annual \$99.95 fee to Verified Identity to be pre-screened and then save time when they use the airport. The company digitally captures biometric information such as fingerprints and iris scans. The U.S. Transportation Security Administration performs a security check on the applicant before the card is issued. At the airport, the registered member swipes the card at the ClearLane machine. The machine checks that the traveler is the registered cardholder by verifying a fingerprint or iris image. The traveler's baggage is still inspected by Transportation Security Administration personnel, and he or she must still go through other standard airport security checks.
Source: <http://www.newsday.com/business/ny-bzfly075449685nov07,0,2788003.story>
12. *November 7, USA Today* - (National) **15,000 want off the U.S. terror watch list.** More than 15,000 people have appealed to the government since February to have their names removed from the terrorist watch list that has delayed their travel at U.S. airports and border crossings, the Homeland Security Department (DHS) says. Among those who have been flagged at checkpoints were toddlers and senior citizens with the same names as suspected terrorists on the watch list. The DHS says it gets about 2,000 requests a month from people who want to have their names cleared. That number is so high that the department has been unable to meet its goal of resolving cases in 30 days, says the spokesman for the Transportation Security Administration, which handles the appeals.

He says the TSA takes about 44 days to process a complaint. The official also stated that many names will be cleared when the government begins requiring air travelers to provide their birth date next year.

Source: http://www.usatoday.com/news/washington/2007-11-06-watchlist_N.htm

13. *November 7, KTVU Channel 2, San Francisco, California* – (California) **Container ship gashed in collision with Bay Bridge.** A 920-foot container ship, heading out of the San Francisco Bay from the Port Of Oakland, California collided with a support tower of the fog-shrouded Bay Bridge early November 7, leaving it with a gash in its side and leaking oil into the bay. A Bay Pilot Association spokesman said the collision left the ship with “extensive damage” and that the foggy conditions may have been a factor in the accident. A team of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) engineers examined the third tower east of the San Francisco anchorage for damage. A Caltrans spokesman said the bridge itself was not damaged but a massive steel fender system protecting it would have to be replaced. Meanwhile, the U.S. Coast Guard examined the fully loaded, foreign-owned container ship and found a gash that was 70-feet long, 12-feet wide and 3-feet deep. The ship also leaked oil for at least 30 minutes after the collision. A California Department of Fish & Wildlife spokesman said an oil slick had been spotted along the San Francisco waterfront and teams had been dispatched to handle it.

Source: <http://www.ktvu.com/news/14532288/detail.html>

14. *November 6, KVAL Channel 13, Oregon* - (Oregon) **Suspicious device disrupts Eugene Airport operations.** For the second time in less than five weeks, business was disrupted at the Eugene Airport in Oregon on November 6 when security screeners found a suspicious looking device in a piece of checked luggage. Upon further investigation, they figured out it was a piece of soil testing equipment, which was verified by the owners. The terminal was partially evacuated and one flight was delayed. On September 28, the airport terminal was cleared out because of a report of an alleged pipe bomb.

Source: <http://www.kval.com/news/local/11068651.html>

15. *November 6, Star Tribune* – (National) **AEDs banned by FAA in control centers.** Though defibrillators are required on all airplanes and in most airports, many air traffic controllers in the nation’s 500-plus control centers would be far from the nearest life-saving device should they suffer a heart attack. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) forbids defibrillators in centers without medical offices. Union leaders at the Minneapolis Air Route Traffic Control Center in Farmington, which doesn’t have a medical office, have to keep the defibrillator they purchased in the union office instead. If one of the center’s 500 employees went into cardiac arrest, someone would have to run up and down two sets of stairs and cover about 80 yards to retrieve the equipment, said the union local’s president who worries about the union’s aging workers. He said that he was spurred to learn more about defibrillators following the 2005 death of an air-traffic controller in Houston, Texas. The controller went into cardiac arrest, and by the time emergency medical technicians arrived 13 minutes later to shock him with a defibrillator, he was already brain dead. After three minutes of cardiac arrest,

irreversible brain and tissue damage occurs. Defibrillators restore a normal heartbeat by applying a brief electric shock. For every minute that goes by without defibrillation, the chance of survival decreases by 7 to 10 percent, according to the American Heart Association. An FAA spokeswoman said the policy has been under review for several years. She cited liability issues when explaining why defibrillators have not been allowed in control centers without medical personnel.

Source: <http://www.emsresponder.com/online/article.jsp?siteSection=1&id=6497>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

16. *November 7, The Telegraph* – (Georgia) **Suspicious package sent to DNR office in Bibb.** An employee in the Georgia Department of Natural Resources' environmental protection division received a package containing a powdery, white substance the afternoon of November 6. It was mailed to the DNR, but it did not list a return address. The Macon-Bibb County Fire Department collected the package and the assistant fire chief said the powder's chemical makeup is not yet known. The package was handed over to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and will likely be tested at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta. Fire officials conducted a decontamination of the employee who opened the envelope and at least three other employees working nearby, but no one received medical treatment.

Source: <http://www.macon.com/198/story/179791.html>

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Agriculture and Food Sector

17. *November 6, Los Angeles Times* – (California) **Woodland Hills firm accused of shipping salmonella-tainted seeds to Vegas.** The Los Angeles City Attorney filed misdemeanor charges today against Woodland Hills-based Woodhouse Commodities Inc., accusing the company of shipping 4,000 bags of sesame seeds contaminated with salmonella bacteria to Las Vegas, Nevada. He said bags of seeds were sent to 18 casinos, restaurants, bakeries and hotels. The seeds originated in India and arrived at the Port of Los Angeles last November. They were among 840 50-pound bags that were randomly selected for testing by the FDA. Despite a hold on the products, Woodhouse accidentally transported the bags to a distributor. The remaining bags tested positive for salmonella. As of yet, no one in Las Vegas has reported getting sick from the seeds.

Source: <http://www.latimes.com/features/health/la-me-seeds7nov07,1,2009950.story?coll=la-headlines-health>

18. *November 6, Baltimore Sun* – (National) **Food recalls likely to become more common.** Despite a newly implemented, more aggressive program of inspecting meat and recalling infected meat more rapidly, the pace of recalls and contact with infected food will likely continue, food experts said on Tuesday. "Oversight of our food supply is very fragmented," a senior scientist and policy analyst at Consumers Union said. "You've got up to 15 agencies that oversee our food supply. As a result, it makes it very difficult to

implement a comprehensive and holistic system that enables an agency to take quick and consistent action to protect consumers.” For example, while the U.S. Department of Agriculture regulates the chicken, the Food and Drug Administration regulates the egg and the Environmental Protection Agency regulates the water that the chicken drinks, he said. The associate director of the Western Institute for Food Safety and Security at the University of California, Davis said that adding in that we are importing increasing quantities of food products that come from all corners of the world creates a system that is “ripe for potential failure.” “The complexity of our new globalized food system and the rapid expansion of the food supply make it a lot more difficult for underfunded agencies to control sanitary conditions and the condition in which food is transported. We’re probably going to have pretty regular food-borne outbreaks,” he said.

Source: http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/health/bal-bz.beef06nov06,0,6673159.story?coll=bal_tab01_layout

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Water Sector

19. *November 7, The Associated Press* – (California) **Water managers warn of dry winter, potential shortages ahead.** On November 6, state and federal water officials in California said deliveries to farms and cities could be restricted severely next year, even if the coming winter provides normal rain and snowfall. California needs an especially wet winter if it is to fill its reservoirs and abide by court-ordered restrictions to reduce pumping by up to a third from the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, said a top administrator with the State Water Project. Government experts predict much of the country will have a warmer and drier winter than normal because of moderate La Nina conditions, in which air cools over the Pacific and the jet stream gets pushed farther north. The dry conditions have left state and federal reservoirs below normal levels. Additionally, state water managers over the summer had to draw down reservoirs to make up for the court decision that halted pumping from the delta for several weeks. “People need to think about multiyear droughts and how we prepare,” said the Department of Water Resources director, who said negotiations over a water bond are continuing.

Source: http://www.usatoday.com/weather/news/2007-11-07-calif-water_N.htm?csp=34

20. *November 7, U.S. Geological Survey* – (Oregon) **USGS nitrate study shows water supply threatened from residential septic systems.** Shallow aquifers supplying drinking water to rural residents near La Pine, Oregon, are vulnerable to contamination by wastewater from on-site, residential wastewater disposal (septic) systems, according to the findings of a study by the U.S. Geological Survey. At present, relatively few wells in the La Pine area have nitrate concentrations greater than the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency drinking water standard of 10 parts per million. Nonetheless, the USGS study predicts that unless nitrogen loading from septic systems can be reduced, future development will lead to water quality problems in the area. Information about the La Pine nitrate study, including links to publications and data, can be accessed at <http://or.water.usgs.gov/proj/or186/>.

Source: <http://www.usgs.gov/newsroom/article.asp?ID=1816>

21. *November 7, The Associated Press* – (National) **House votes to override water bill veto.** On November 6, the U.S. House of Representatives approved what could become the first override of a President Bush veto, over a \$23.2 billion water resources bill that addresses pressing infrastructure needs while offering hundreds of home district projects. The Water Resources Development Act includes hundreds of U.S. Army Corps of Engineers projects, although a large chunk of the proposed funding would go to the hurricane-hit Gulf Coast and the Florida Everglades. The bill, the first water system restoration and flood control authorization passed by Congress since 2000, would cost \$11.2 billion over the next four years and \$12 billion in the 10 years after that, according to the Congressional Budget Office. The Senate is expected to approve the veto override by a comfortable margin.
Source: http://www.nytimes.com/aponline/us/AP-Water-Projects.html?_r=1&oref=slogin

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

22. *November 6, Health Day News* – (National) **Kidney disease increasing in U.S.** The number of Americans with chronic kidney disease is on the rise, and diabetes and high blood pressure linked to obesity appear to account for most of the increase, a new Johns Hopkins study suggests. The prevalence of chronic kidney disease among U.S. adults has risen in a decade from 10 percent to 13 percent, according to the report in the November 7 issue of the *Journal of the American Medical Association*. The aging population is part of the reason for the increased prevalence of kidney disease, the study's lead researcher said. But, he added, "There are also substantially higher rates of obesity and diabetes. These are both risk factors for kidney disease." Chronic kidney disease increases the risk of heart disease as well as kidney failure and other complications. Currently, there are about 500,000 people with kidney failure who are treated by dialysis or transplantation in the United States, and that number is expected to increase to 750,000 by 2015, the researcher said.
Source: <http://health.usnews.com/usnews/health/healthday/071106/kidney-disease-increasing-in-us.htm>
23. *November 6, The Associated Press* – (National) **Mattel recalls Fisher-Price kitchen toys.** Mattel Inc. announced Tuesday that it is recalling more than 172,000 Fisher-Price "Learning Kitchen" toys in the United States and Europe after several children choked and gagged on small parts that came off the Mexican-made toys. There have been 48 reports of small parts detaching from the toys. The toys -- sold between May and October of this year -- included 155,000 affected units in the United States, 7,000 in Britain, 4,900 in Italy, 4,900 in Germany and 394 in Austria. U.S. consumers can get a free repair kit by contacting Fisher-Price.
Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2007/11/06/AR2007110600927.html>

Government Facilities Sector

24. *November 6, The Associated Press* – (Texas) **Another ex-DOD worker at Fort Bliss admits to wire fraud.** Another now-former civilian employee of the Department of Defense at Fort Bliss, Texas has pled guilty to computer-related fraud. She faces up to 20 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine. She admitted that from January through March, she and a co-worker devised a scheme involving a DOD pay-processing computer system, where fraudulent pay adjustments sent money to her bank account, while she coded the transactions to make it appear the funds were going to an ex-member of the Arizona National Guard.
Source: <http://www.chron.com/disp/story.mpl/ap/tx/5276982.html>
25. *November 6, The Associated Press* – (Georgia) **Columbus State student from Ala. arrested for bomb threats.** A Columbus State University student from Alabama has been arrested for making bomb threats against the school in Columbus, Georgia and having guns in his pickup truck. One of the bomb threats prompted the evacuation of an office building at the school Friday, university police said. In the pickup truck belonging to the arrested student, officers found two rifles, a shotgun, a small handgun, a compound bow, three bottles of alcohol and hundreds of rounds of ammunition. A bomb squad dog checked both the student and his truck, but found no indication of explosives.
Source:
http://www.ajc.com/metro/content/metro/stories/2007/11/06/bombthreat_1106.html

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Emergency Services Sector

26. *November 7, The Decatur Daily; The Associated Press* – (Alabama) **Trauma system coming to Decatur, Alabama.** Decatur and other areas of North Alabama will soon have a system in place to help stop the top killer of people 45 and younger. The killer is traumatic injury, usually associated with automobile accidents and gunshots or stab wounds. The system is a regional trauma model coordinated out of Huntsville Hospital but involving other hospitals. The target date to start the coordinated North Alabama trauma response is by late November, said the senior trauma surgeon at Huntsville Hospital, who heads the regional effort. The aim is to help people in time to keep them alive, taking each patient to the hospital that can serve him best – not necessarily the nearest hospital. The model for the state's plan is the trauma system already in place in Birmingham-Jefferson County and six surrounding counties since 1995. One key to that system's success is knowledge about which hospital is the best fit to treat a particular trauma injury. Computer software will eventually link hospitals and emergency medical responders with the information statewide.
Source: <http://www.emsresponder.com/online/article.jsp?siteSection=1&id=6504>
27. *November 6, NBC San Diego* – (California) **State task force to review firestorm efforts.** On Tuesday, California's governor ordered a review of the state's response to wildfires that burned more than 2,000 homes last month and asked a state-appointed task

force to identify weaknesses that could be fixed. The fires, which raged for days, caused most of their damage and fatalities in San Diego County. The governor also hinted that he may consider more radical fire-prevention efforts in response to the deadly fires -- the state's second wave of catastrophic blazes in four years. The task force established after those wildfires planned to meet later Tuesday in Orange County to consider the governor's directives and other aspects of the firefighting response. He asked the task force to study if California had enough fire engines and personnel to coordinate its response, among other issues. After Southern California fire officials clamored for additional support and *The Associated Press* revealed government rules delayed dozens of water-dumping aircraft from reaching the blazes, the governor acknowledged the state may have been able to do better. He is putting the question to the state's Blue Ribbon Task Force on fire, a panel of fire chiefs and state appointees that was set up after a review of California's response to the 2003 fires. The panel's chair said air assets, ground response and interagency cooperation all would be part of the review, which he expects to finish in early 2008. "We are going to be taking a look at the most recent fires, lessons learned," he said. Among the recommendations the task force may have to revisit is better coordination to quickly begin aerial attacks on wildfires.

Source: <http://www.nbcsandiego.com/news/14522771/detail.html?rss=dgo&psp=news>

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Information Technology

28. *November 6, IDG News Service* – (National) **Salesforce.com falls for phishing scam, warns customers.** Salesforce.com is warning customers that they may be the targets of malicious software or phishing scams, after one of its employees was tricked into divulging a corporate password. In a note to customers, Salesforce said that online criminals have been sending customers fake invoices and, starting just a few days ago, viruses and key-logging software. The e-mails were sent using information that was illegally obtained from Salesforce.com. The problems began a few months ago, when a Salesforce.com employee fell for a phishing scam and divulged a company password that gave attackers access to a customer contact list. With this password, the criminals were able to obtain first and last names, company names, e-mail addresses and telephone numbers of Salesforce.com customers. "As a result of this, a small number of our customers began receiving bogus e-mails that looked like Salesforce.com invoices," Salesforce.com said. Some of those customers then fell victim to the scam and gave up their passwords to the criminals, too. According to the *Washington Post*, Suntrust Banks Inc. was one of the customers victimized by the scam. Salesforce.com is working with law enforcement to resolve the problem, but in the meantime it is recommending that customers implement a number of security measures in order to cut down on the phisher's chance of succeeding. Suggested actions include restricting Salesforce.com account access to users who are within the corporate network, phishing education or the use of stronger authentication techniques to log on to the Salesforce.com servers.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/action/article.do?command=viewArticleBasic&articleId=9045783&intsrc=hm_list

29. *November 6, Computerworld* – (National) **About 165,000 Web sites knocked offline by NaviSite outage.** Approximately 165,000 Web sites have been offline since Saturday, thanks to a failed data center migration involving Andover, Mass.-based Web hosting company NaviSite Inc. The problems started Saturday when NaviSite attempted to migrate and replace hundreds of servers operated by Baltimore-based Alabanza Corp., a Web hosting company acquired by NaviSite in August. According to NaviSite’s spokesman, the company decided to physically move 200 of the 850 servers operated by Alabanza to NaviSite’s data center in Andover and then virtually migrate the data from the rest of the older servers to new boxes, also in Andover. NaviSite let its customers know that their sites would be down for a while on Saturday, with the migration expected to be finished that day, he said. But when NaviSite attempted to transfer the data from the 650 servers still in Baltimore it ran into a number of synchronization failures that kept multiplying. To speed the data transfer NaviSite decided to physically transfer another 200 servers from Baltimore to Andover. But then NaviSite ran into more problems. As the hosts came up, their URLs did not, so although customers could access their Web sites from their IP address, they could not do so using their URLs, the spokesman said. As NaviSite tried to solve that problem, the network became overloaded because of all the customers trying to get online. “If there is one little problem, they multiply because there is a lot of dependencies,” he said. Although he said a “big chunk” of sites are back online, he could not say when everything might be back to normal.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/action/article.do?command=viewArticleBasic&articleId=9045787&intsrc=hm_list

Internet Alert Dashboard

To report cyber infrastructure incidents or to request information, please contact US-CERT at soc@us-cert.gov or visit their Website: www.us-cert.gov.

Information on IT information sharing and analysis can be found at the IT ISAC (Information Sharing and Analysis Center) Website: <https://www.it-isac.org/>.

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Communications Sector

30. *November 7, Unstrung* – (National) **Next-Gen spectrum crunch.** As the standards for next-generation wireless systems evolve, one of the biggest hurdles to overcome will be spectrum availability, finds a new Unstrung Insider report. According to the report, Evolved HSPA and the Roadmap to LTE, Long-Term Evolution (LTE) has emerged as the frontrunner to become the next-generation wireless standard. But the key barrier to LTE deployment is the lack of available spectrum. And LTE needs a lot of spectrum. According to an International Telecommunication Union, Radiocommunication Sector (ITU-R) report, between 1280 MHz and 1720 MHz of spectrum will be needed by 2020 to meet expected traffic growth. Not including spectrum already allocated for mobile communications, the report finds that an additional 1 GHz of spectrum needs to be

found for future mobile communications technologies. The World Radiocommunication Conference 2007 (WRC) in Geneva, which is where the world's spectrum regulators meet every four years and which will run until November 16, is currently debating which spectrum should be identified for next-generation mobile communications. The UMTS Forum has lobbied the WRC for 100 MHz of frequencies in the UHF bands to be allocated to mobile communications. This spectrum is also referred to as the "digital dividend," because it will become available as broadcasters switch from analog to digital TV. "It's vital that crucial spectrum decisions are made without delay at WRC-07, giving operators and manufacturers a clear target to plan their technical and commercial strategies for the years ahead," said the UMTS Forum's chairman in a press release. "Now is the right time to identify new spectrum for IMT. Typically, it has taken around a decade from spectrum being identified to its availability and licensing."

Source: http://www.unstrung.com/document.asp?doc_id=137953

31. *October 31, Yahoo Tech Blog* – (National) **Is your phone catching a virus?** Just when you were getting the hang of protecting your computer from viruses, they must have sneezed and found your cell phone. One in every 10 phones is now capable of handling data and messaging. That means it's become easy and lucrative for hackers to attack cell phones. And the dangers are just as real. From 2004 to 2006, the number of phone viruses doubled every month. According to Symantec, viruses spread on cell phones in a variety of ways: Internet downloads, MMS (multimedia messaging service) attachments, and Bluetooth transfers to name a few. They'll often show up as game downloads, updates to your phone's system, ringtones, or alerts. McAfee Avert Labs has identified about 450 different variants of mobile threats, and that's not including phishing attacks and spam. According to McAfee research, 83 percent of worldwide carriers have had security incidents in 2007. The viruses can cause crashes, unstable or slower-than-usual performance, quick battery consumption, incorrect or skyrocketing mobile phone bills, and dramatic increases in messaging charges. But the latest and most sophisticated crop is what's called "pranking for profit." This can involve things like redirecting your calls to a different carrier in a different country, or sending MMS messages to everyone in your contact directory, leaving you with enormous extra charges. Suspect a virus if a phone starts behaving badly, if contacts and calendar entries start to disappear, or if strange charges start to appear.

Source: <http://tech.yahoo.com/blogs/raskin/14640>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

32. *November 6, WFAA-TV* – (Texas) **Gas leak prompts evacuation near Love Field.** Gas company and fire department crews responded to a leak as approximately 70 people were evacuated from Love Field, Texas business Tuesday morning. A construction crew pierced a four-inch natural gas line at 10:30 a.m. Atmos Energy workers cut off the gas and crews were working to repair the line. Another 100 workers at the construction site were also cleared from the area while the gas was cut off and repairs were made.

Source:

http://www.wfaa.com/sharedcontent/dws/news/localnews/tv/stories/wfaa071106_wz_ga

sleak.1e40746d5.html

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National Monuments & Icons Sector

33. *November 6, Fox 2, St. Louis, Missouri* – (Illinois) **Vandals strike Alton Civil War monument.** A national shrine was covered in graffiti at the Confederate Cemetery and Memorial in Alton, Illinois. The memorial is part of the Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery complex in Alton. Congress toughened the penalty for defacing veterans' memorials and grave sites in 2003; the offense is now punishable by up to 10 years in federal prison. There has been no word of arrests or charges filed.
Source: <http://www.myfoxstl.com/myfox/pages/News/Detail?contentId=4856688&version=1&ocale=EN-US&layoutCode=TSTY&pageId=3.2.1>
34. *November 6, Seattle Post-Intelligencer* – (Oregon) **Feds seize fossils, bone fragments from SW Wash. couple.** Federal agents have seized more than a dozen fossils and bone fragments from the home of a Kelso, Washington man who was seen excavating illegally in Oregon's John Day Fossil Beds National Monument, according to federal court documents made public on November 6. A seasonal employee at the monument called authorities in May after she and her 11-year-old son confronted the man and a woman, believed to be his wife, as they were chipping fossils out of a blue-claystone slope with a 2-foot-long hammer. The worker jotted down the license plate number for vehicle, said an affidavit filed in support of a search warrant. Agents with the U.S. Bureau of Land Management searched the couple's home and vehicle on October 30. In addition to the fossils and bone fragments, the agents seized computers, CD-ROMs, and hard drives, and authorities were interested in any evidence that stolen fossils had been sold.
Source: http://seattlepi.nwsourc.com/local/6420AP_WST_Stolen_Fossils.html
35. *November 6, The Navy Compass* – (California) **Navy, BLM agree to protect environment.** The Navy Southwest Region Commander Rear Admiral signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Bureau of Land Management California State Director in an effort to support and protect the California coastline. A 2000 presidential proclamation created the California Coastal National Monument to protect land and interest in lands owned or controlled by the United States in the form of islands, rocks, exposed reefs, and pinnacles along the California shoreline, and is managed by the BLM in collaboration with other government agencies. The monument consists of more than 20,000 rocks and small islands and is the home for thousands of seals, sea lions, seabirds and other intertidal species. Navy Region Southwest and BLM have been in negotiations since 2004 to establish a steward relationship over the monument rocks adjacent to Navy coastlines.
Source: <http://www.navycompass.com/news/newsview.asp?c=229062>
36. *November 5, North County Times* – (California) **Judge: U.S. Forest Service did not cause 2003 Cedar fire.** One of two federal class-action lawsuits local residents have

filed against the U.S. government in connection with the deadly 2003 Cedar fire was dismissed last week when a judge ruled the U.S. Forest Service's land management policies did not cause the blaze. The residents alleged that the Forest Service, which suppressed most fires and allowed activities that posed fire hazards, including hunting, helped set the stage for the deadly fire. In the written ruling filed November 2, the senior judge of the U.S. Court of Federal Claims in Washington, D.C., wrote that the government could not be deemed a cause of the fire unless the hunter was acting as an agent of the government. "The government did not cause the Cedar fire" he wrote. "Rather, as the facts demonstrate, a hunter started the fire."

Source:

http://www.nctimes.com/articles/2007/11/06/news/top_stories/12_07_3211_5_07.txt

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Dams Sector

37. *November 6, Sacramento Business Journal* – (National) **House overrides flood-control veto.** On November 6, the U.S. House of Representatives voted to override last week's veto by President Bush of a \$23 billion water bill. The bill included federal funding Sacramento officials were counting on for flood control improvements. HR 1495, the Water Resources and Development Act of 2007, would earmark \$444 million for an auxiliary spillway for the Folsom Dam and \$20.5 million for Natomas basin levee improvements. The bill also includes funding for hurricane protection in Louisiana and restoration of the Everglades in Florida. The U.S. Senate could vote on the override as soon as November 7.

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